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Ernest K. Lindley Is Dropped From 'Newsweek' Staff

Ernest K. Lindley, for twenty years author of a "Washington Tides" column for "Newsweek," has been dropped from the staff of the magazine.

Osborn Elliott, editor of "Newsweek," said yesterday Mr. Lindley will be succeeded by Kenneth G. Crawford, the magazine's Washington bureau chief. Mr. Lindley said he was dropped "by decision of the new management, and I have no comment on it."

The magazine was purchased by the owners of "The Washington Post" from the Vincent Astor Foundation March 31.

Mr. Elliott also announced that Benjamin C. Bradlee, assistant manager of the Washington bureau, would succeed Mr. Crawford as bureau chief. Mr. Crawford joined "Newsweek" in 1943 and was named Washington bureau manager in 1954. Mr. Bradlee began with the magazine in that year as chief European correspondent and was assigned to the Washington staff in 1957.

Mr. Lindley, a political writer and Washington correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune in the 1930s, was a friend and adviser of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.